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In re the application of

Serial No. 08/783,097

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For: EXPANDABLE STENTS AND

METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed July 3, 1997. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith. Further, a Supplemental Information Disclsoure Statement also is being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

[32.] 25. (Amended) An intravascular stent for expanding and implanting in a body lumen, comprising: